



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **WORK CONTINUES ON HWY. 101/41 INTERCHANGE PROJECT IN ATASCADERO**

**ATASCADERO** – Caltrans is continuing work on the Hwy. 101/41 interchange project in Atascadero. The demolition of the northbound lanes of Hwy. 101 has been completed. Motorists are currently being diverted onto two lanes of a new bridge over Hwy. 41.

A new northbound overcrossing will be built following the settlement of soil that will support the new structure. This project includes demolishing the current southbound Hwy. 101 overcrossing at Hwy. 41. This structure will be rebuilt to complete a single span over Hwy. 41 which will allow for a future widening. A new northbound on-ramp to Hwy. 101 will also be constructed.

One lane in each direction on Hwy. 41 remains closed for the next two years. The northbound on-ramp to Hwy. 101 is open for motorists headed westbound on Hwy. 41. The northbound on-ramp to Hwy. 101 remains closed to eastbound traffic on Hwy. 41.

### **All local businesses near the project area remain open for business.**

The contractor for this \$17 million project is Granite Construction of San Luis Obispo, CA. This project remains on schedule is expected to be complete by the summer of 2010.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upslo.htm>

